

## 2019 Mock Newbery Discussion #1

July 11, 2018

It's time to start taking a closer look at the children's books of 2018. Participating in the Mock Newbery is an opportunity to read the newest children's books and to discuss them with other passionate readers. A letter certifying participation is available for those applying the Mock Newbery program towards professional development.

Program registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y92andk6>

Please read at least 10 books for the first meeting. Books that have not been read by half the number of participants at the meeting will not be discussed and will be removed from subsequent lists.

### Mock Newbery Discussion #1

**Tuesday, October 2, 4:30 – 6:15 PM**

**Cranston Public Library, Central**

140 Sockanosset Cross Rd., Cranston

### 2019 Mock Newbery Reading List #1

1. *Betty Before X* by Ilyasah Shabazz. (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2018)
2. *Be Prepared* by Vera Brosgol. (First Second, 2018)
3. *Bob* by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead. (Feiwel & Friends, 2018)
4. *The Book of Boy* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock. (Greenwillow, 2018)
5. *Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam* by Elizabeth Partridge. (Penguin Young Readers, 2018)
6. *Breakout* by Kate Messner. (Bloomsbury, 2018)
7. *Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Assassin* by James L. Swanson. (Scholastic, 2018)
8. *Checked* by Cynthia Kadohata. (Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2018)
9. *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang. (Scholastic, 2018)
10. *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes. (Little, Brown, 2018)
11. *Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson. (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2018)
12. *The Hazel Wood* by Melissa Albert. (Flatiron Books, 2018)
13. *A House that Once Was* by Julie Fogliano. (Roaring Book Press, 2018)
14. *Just Like Jackie* by Lindsey Stoddard. (HarperCollins, 2018)
15. *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani. (Dial Books, 2018)
16. *Out of the Wild Night* by Blue Balliett. (Scholastic, 2018)
17. *The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang. (First Second, 2018)
18. *Rebound* by Kwame Alexander. (HMH Books, 2018)
19. *Sunny* by Jason Reynolds. (Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2018)
20. *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle* by Leslie Connor. (Katherine Tegen Books, 2018)
21. *You Go First* by Erin Entrada Kelly. (Greenwillow, 2018)

Please send suggested titles for Reading List #2 by October 4<sup>th</sup> to: [danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov](mailto:danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov)

Reading List #2 will be available October 9<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.olis.ri.gov/youth/newbery/index.php>

Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place on January 15, 2019 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

### Continuing sessions:

#### Mock Newbery Discussion #2

Tuesday, December 4, 4:30 – 6:15 PM

Cranston Public Library, Central

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#### Mock Newbery Discussion #3 - Voting

Tuesday, January 15, 4:30 – 6:15 PM

Cranston Public Library, Central

140 Sockanosset Cross Rd., Cranston

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria:

1. In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,

a. Committee members need to consider the following:

- Interpretation of the theme or concept
- Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
- Development of a plot
- Delineation of characters
- Delineation of setting
- Appropriateness of style

Note: Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

2. Each book is to be considered as a contribution to American literature. The committee is to make its decision primarily on the text. Other components of a book, such as illustrations, overall design of the book, etc., may be considered when they make the book less effective.

3. The book must be a self-contained entity, not dependent on other media (i.e., sound or film equipment) for its enjoyment.

Note: The committee should keep in mind that the award is for literary quality and quality presentation for children. The award is not for didactic content or popularity.

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